

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____	
B Check if applicable:	C Name of organization WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 875 WHISPERING OAKS LANE
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NORTH MUSKEGON MI 49445
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	D Employer identification number 84-3497849
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	E Telephone number 231-638-2981
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Group Exemption Number ▶
G Accounting Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____	
H Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).	
I Website: ▶ WWW.WESTMIFFOODPROCESSINGASSN.COM	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(6) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
K Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 154,769	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

	Description	Column	Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	154,759
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	10
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	154,769	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	675
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	11,217
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	118,291
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	130,183	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	24,586
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	-11,250
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	3,285
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	16,621

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	- 11,250	22	16,621
23 Land and buildings	0	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	- 11,250	25	16,621
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	- 11,250	27	16,621

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
 SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 SEE SCHEDULE O		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
GENE FORD CHAIRPERSON	0.00	0	0	0
JON W. ALLAN VICE-CHAIRPERSON	0.00	0	0	0
MORGAN CARROLL SECRETARY	0.00	0	0	0
JONATHAN WILSON TREASURER	0.00	0	0	0
JODI GRUNER BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
RICH HOUTTEMAN BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
TODD JACOBS BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
JOHN KINAHAN BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
JASON MURRAY BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
DAN RINSEMA-SYBENGA BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
MARTY GERENCER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00	0	0	0
DENNIS MARVIN SENIOR CONSULTANT	0.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 46: Yes (empty), No (X)

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 47: Yes (empty), No (empty)

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 48: Yes (empty), No (empty)

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 49a: Yes (empty), No (empty)

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 49b: Yes (empty), No (empty)

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC 1099-NEC (if not paid, enter -0-)), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer GENE FORD, Date 5/6/2022, Title CHAIRPERSON

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name STEVEN D. BURT, Preparer's signature, Date 05/04/22, Check self-employed, PTIN P01011501, Firm's name OOSTING, BURT & ASSOCIATES LLP, Firm's address 38 E SHERIDAN ST, FREMONT, MI 49412, Firm's EIN 38-2905475, Phone no. 231-924-0870

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, savings, and investments; Land and buildings; Other assets; Total assets; Total liabilities; Net assets or fund balances.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows 28-32 describe program services and total program service expenses.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes entries for CLARENCE RUDAT and CATHY BRUBAKER-CLARKE.

**Schedule B
(Form 990)****Schedule of Contributors**

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Department of the Treasury
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Name of the organization

**WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING
ASSOCIATION**

Employer identification number

84-3497849

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)(6) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

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Schedule B (Form 990) (2021)

Name of organization

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Employer identification number

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	N/A	\$ 16,667	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	N/A	\$ 7,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	N/A	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	N/A	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	N/A	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	N/A	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization	WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number	84-3497849
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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EXPENSES	
OFFICE	\$ 124
CONFERENCE FEES	\$ 505
INSURANCE	\$ 1,092
DOMAIN/MAILBOX	\$ 931
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 115,456
ANNUAL REPORT	\$ 183
TOTAL	\$ 118,291

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2020 REMOVED CHARGES/ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 3,285

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT THE WEST MICHIGAN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY RELATED TO SIX PILLAR STRATEGIES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, INCUBATION, LOGISTICS, HEALTHY FOOD, AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES. THE MISSION AND GOAL OF THE WMFPA IS TO CONNECT WEST MICHIGAN'S EXISTING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY FROM "FARM TO TABLE" BY TAKING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LINK FARMERS, FOOD PROCESSORS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS WITH THE RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW MARKETS, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ABLE TO TRAIN THE CURRENT AND FUTURE WORKFORCE LEADING TO SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL JOB CREATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH,

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AND AN ENHANCED REGIONAL DASHBOARD.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28 - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT

WMFPA WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ASSISTING IN MULTIPLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE WEST MICHIGAN REGION. THE FARM (FOOD, AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH, AND MANUFACTURING) ACCELERATOR BUILDING/FACILITY WAS SUCCESSFULLY BUILT AND PLANS WERE MADE TO BEING ACCELERATOR OPERATIONS IN 2021. EDUCATORS WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO NETWORK AND DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN TRAINING DEVELOPMENT TO THE FOOD INDUSTRY. A STATEWIDE WEBINAR RELATED TO COVID SUPPORT TO THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY WAS CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 2020. OVER 300 STAKEHOLDERS ARE ON THE WMFPA EMAIL LIST AND RECEIVED FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY. A FACEBOOK SOCIAL MEDIA WAS ESTABLISHED TO COMMUNICATE NEEDS RELATED TO COVID SUPPORT AND OTHER PILLAR STRATEGIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.